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Miss Weller, Warren DeLano,
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Reno, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Monday Evening, September 30.

A grand production of Mr. Nelson Wheat-

crill's play in four acts.

GWYNNE'S OATH.

Gwynne Archer, Miss Isabel Morris.

Tuesday Evening, October 1.

The screaming comedy.

PINK DOMINOS.

Lady Maggie Wagstaff, Miss Isabel Morris.

Wednesday Evening, October 2.

The great emotional drama.

EAST LYNNE.

Lady Isabel, Miss Isabel Morris

Mme. Vine.

Thursday Evening, October 3.

The roaring comedy in three acts.

THE GREAT DIVORCE CASE.

Lady Hannon, Miss Isabel Morris.

Friday Evening, October 4.

The domestic comedy drama.

HAZEL KIRKE.

Hazel Kirke, Miss Isabel Morris.

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Who Was to Blame.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—The coroner today began an inquest into the cause of the death of the victims of the recent accident on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific road at South Englewood. Fireman LaClosche, of the freight train which crashed into the passenger car, testified that the semaphore was not thrown against his train until it was within three lengths of a passenger car, and that Engineer Twombly was sober. As soon as the semaphore fell he did everything possible to stop the train. Brakeman Edward Whited, of the freight train, testified he saw the semaphore thrown against his car when it was a half a mile away from the scene of the accident; that the train was ahead of time, and that he went aloft and began to set the brakes under orders from the conductor.

J. B. Stebbins, the watchman at the point where the accident occurred, testified that the semaphore light was shown before the passenger train had stopped.

WESTERN JOURNALISM.

The Hardships Endured by the Pioneer Editor of Colorado.

When William N. Byers, the Colorado pioneer of journalism, first started in to print the Rocky Mountain News he had a pretty tough time of it, and experiences lively enough to suit a Ute Indian agent, says the New York Graphic. News was plentiful enough, and it was not generally supposed that the press would make any editorial attacks upon the citizens of Auraria, as Denver was then called; so one day when Byers found fault editorially with the killing of a Mexican by Charles Harrison, a gambler, the latter's friends, fully armed, gathered about and made an attack upon the log house occupied by the News. The editor and his reporters and type-setters were so surprised at the suddenness of the attack that they did not have time to make any resistance.

Editor Byers was taken a captive to Harrison's saloon, called the "Criterion." The crowd wanted to kill him on the spot, and knives and pistols were flourished in his face. Harrison had once been a Mason, and knew that Byers was a member of the fraternity; so, under the pretense of taking him into a side room to talk, he got him out of the place altogether.

Byers was plucky enough, for he ran for his office, and, arming all hands, laid low for the enemy, who came fast enough, and a lively combat took place and one man was killed. It was just about this time that Hon. Joseph Wolf, of Boulder, Col., who was a good printer and a handy man about an office, arrived from Omaha via a freight train.

He was dead-broke, and he made at once for the News office and asked for the boss. Byers, seated on a barrel, was pointed out to him.

"Want any hands?" asked Joe, leaning against the door.

"That depends," said Byers, without looking up.

"Depends on what?"

"Can you stucco?"

"You bet."

"Will you?"

"Of course."

"Well, then," said the editor, getting off the barrel, "here's a rifle and there's a case—go to work."

"What'll I do first," asked Wolf, "kill somebody or throw in a case?"

Byers went to the window, leaned well out, looked up and down carefully, and then turning back said:

"I guess you'll have time to throw in a handful."

Just about this time the office was in a state of siege, and to write and print what Byers wrote and printed at that time required a greater amount of moral courage, or what is more commonly called nerve, than is possessed by journalists of the present day.

Many threats were made and more than one combat took place, but the editor came out ahead, and always stuck to the paragraph in his satirist, which read: "Our course is marked out. We will adhere to it with steadfast and fixed determination to speak, write and publish the truth, and nothing but the truth, let it work us weal or woe."

Benefits of Electric Lighting.

There can be no doubt that the reduction of the fire risk to a minimum by the invention and substitution of the electric light and its commercial success has contributed in a marked degree both to the business enterprise and social happiness of the present decade.

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A DUEL WITH KNIVES.

Three Young Ladies Lose their Money and Suicide.

Queen Natalie of Servia Visits Her Son, the King—A Montana Fire.

Railroad Commissioners Report.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Hon. A. Taylor, Commissioner of Railroads, has made his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior. It reviews the railroad situation and the rate wars of the past year; declares that the unfavorable railroad situation is not due to the interstate law, as is claimed, but those unjustifiable rate wars and unnecessary extension of new lines. It says a number of railroads which receive land grants from the States refused to report to him. These lands, he says, belong to the United States, and he thinks the roads should be compelled to report.

The Commissioner says that in his opinion the most feasible plan to secure government payment of the amount due from the bonded roads is to grant a reasonable extension of time, with a reduction of the rates of interest, and the required payment of a certain per cent. on the gross earnings in liquidation of their indebtedness to the Government.

Firemen Fatally Injured.

By Associated Press.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 30.—Loss by yesterday's fire is estimated at \$35,000; generally well insured. Three firemen were fatally, and a number of others seriously hurt.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 30.—The fire yesterday, which is supposed to have been incendiary, destroyed the finest building block in the city, entailing a loss of about \$300,000, with insurance of about \$150,000. The principal losses are J. B. Hennessey, a mercantile company, \$125,000; First National Bank, \$18,000; Kahn & Weiters, dry goods, \$35,000; Barnard Block, \$60,000, and the Bonner Mercantile Company, \$65,000.

Western News.

By Associated Press.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 30.—The force of the great storm which visited Bajio county has abated. The second crop of corn is a partial loss and it will entail great suffering. The fields in the vicinity of Leon are under water. The loss to Bajio county is over half a million dollars.

A newsboy and a butcher fought a duel yesterday with knives. The butcher was disarmed and killed.

Three young ladies of Morelia, who lost a fortune at gaming, committed suicide.

A Practical Rehearsal.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission this morning began the hearing of cases. The most important was that of the Inter-State Commerce Railway Association against the Chicago & Alton road. The complaint set forth that the road made a contract with a syndicate of cattle dealers at Kansas City for the shipment east of cattle which practically amounts to a rebate. The matter was argued at great length.

Collapse in Cotton.

By Cable and Associated Press.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 30.—The Liverpool corner on cotton has collapsed. The month went out at 6 22/64, 30 points under the highest prices for the month. Steenstrand holds from seventy to a hundred thousand bales of American cotton, the price of which to-morrow will be 1 1/2 below the prices of Saturday. The general opinion is that the cotton ring is utterly smashed.

The Gravesend Races.

By Associated Press.

GRAVESEND, Sept. 30.—The first race, one mile, Longstreet won, St. John second and Glory third. Time, 1:42 1/2. Second race, a mile and a sixteenth, Lady Reel won, Etruria second and Persuader third. Time, 1:23 1/4. Third race, three quarters of a mile, Judge Morrow won, Manie D. second and Gramary third. Time, 1:16.

The Rotterdam Strike.

By Associated Press.

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 30.—A number of the striking dock laborers manifested a disposition to return to-day, but were prevented by arguments and threats. Two men-of-war, three gunboats and two sloops-of-war are moored in the river.

White Her Son.

By Cable and Associated Press.

BALDORNE, Sept. 30.—Queen Natalie paid a visit to her son, King Alexander, to-day. All the foreign representatives, except the ambassadors of Germany and Turkey, afterward waited upon the ex-queen.

A Texas Desperado.

By Associated Press.

WOODVILLE, Tex., September 27.—Deputy Sheriff Rhodes, of Polk county, and Constable Welterson, of Tyler county, were killed at Warren Thursday morning, while attempting to arrest a man named John Bell, said to be a cattle thief. The officers were shot through the head and died immediately. Bell remained on the battlefield for nearly an hour, and prevented anybody from removing the dead bodies until he saw fit to leave them.

A New Editor.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—F. M. Carle, for ten years managing editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and for a year its correspondent in Washington, will assume editorial charge of the Portland Oregonian.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

MISS ISABEL MORRIS.

An Auspicious Opening at McKissick's Opera House.

"Gwynne's Oath," with which Miss Morris opens at the Opera House to-night, is a strong play in which an intensely interesting story is admirably told in forcible yet most beautiful language. It is a melo-drama of the purest and most wholesome type, abounding in situations of an eminently dramatic character which appeal to our better natures and awake all our tender sympathies. The climaxes, which are natural sequences reached without any labored effort, are strong and effective. The dialogue is pure, pointed and discreet, and holds the auditors' undivided attention from beginning to end.

There is just enough amusing and refreshingly natural comedy introduced to happily dry the sympathetic tears involuntarily shed for the heroine, and altogether the play is one that will long be remembered by all who see it.

Miss Morris is a trained and well-equipped actress, with a style that is majestic and free and an artistic nobility of that seldom on every available means of producing the deepest and most effective results. Her somnambulism is an impressive feature of the impersonation. The labored breathing, uncertain walk and physical indications of mental travail never fail to win admiration of her audience and storms of applause.

As Gwynne she displays her true qualities under favorable conditions and fairly and fully demonstrates her rank as a leading lady of the first class. Her admirable acting in the piece has been universally acknowledged by enthusiastic calls before the curtain at the end of each act.

THE STATE FAIR.

Sale of Blooded Stock—The Races—An Accident.

For the past two or three days nearly every train has brought to the State Fair either blooded horned cattle, of the very best varieties, or some of as fine trotting, pacing or running horses as were ever seen on the Truckee river. The attendance at the Fair grounds was equal, if not superior, to the first day of any fair since the organization of the society, and in number, quality and quality no such showing of good horses was ever made on this side of the Sierras. At the sale of blooded stock the prices expected by sellers were not realized.

The following are the figures on the few sold:

One three-year-old bay colt by Norfolk, sold to Joe Courtney for \$230; two two-year-old black colts by Alphens, dam by Signal, \$110; three one-horse buggy harnesses to Abrahams Bros., price \$230; one thoroughbred two-year-old Jersey bull, sold to J. W. Adams, price \$50; two thoroughbred Jersey bulls, \$55 each; one cow five years old, sold to R. Elstner, \$40.

While John P. Sweeney's trotting horse Gibraltar was being exercised on the track this morning a wheel came off the sulky, which resulted in breaking it up somewhat, but comparatively little damage was done to either driver or horse.

To-Day's Races.

Running, selling purse, seven-eighths of a mile: L. Allen, named Billy C; Henry Schwartz, named Billy D; Geo. Hansen, named Johnny Gray; and Elmwood stables, named ch m Nerva; Johnny Gray won in 1:31 1/4.

In the trotting 2:20 class, G. A. Delaney entered Victor, N. F. Smith Thapsin and George S. Nixon Rabe—three in five. Thapsin won in three straight heats. Time, 2:21 1/4, 2:25 and 2:26 1/4.

Running matched race, quarter mile dash, Rondo won. Time, 22 seconds.

BREVITIES.

Judge Thomas H. Wells and wife are in town to-day.

The funeral of the late W. W. Ward took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

John Breuner, the Sacramento furniture dealer, has a fine display at the Pavilion of parlor, setting-room, dining-room and bedroom sets. For several years this enterprising dealer has never failed to give the people of Nevada a chance to see some of the products of his extensive factory.

Fond of Milk.

Farmer Phillips of Fern Ridge, Or., has been puzzled for a long time to find how his cows were robbed of their milk while at pasture. The other day he hid in a tree and watched his herd after they were driven to the field. In a few minutes he saw a pig go to one of the cows, seize her teats and start his suction-pump. That pig will never suck another cow.

JONH. L. FOR CONGRESS

Sale of a Fine Hudson River Steamboat.

A Recent Ruling on the Scott Chinese Immigration Law.

Boston Ball Tossers.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Sept. 27.—Manager Hart has about completed arrangements for Boston's ball club trip to California this winter. The party consists of Gannett, Clarkson, Radbourne, Daley, Brouters or Morrill, Richardson, Nash, Smith, Brown and Johnson. Beside Manager Hart and those players there will be Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Gannett, Mrs. Morrill, Arthur Irwin, General Dixwell and a couple of Hart's friends from Milwaukee.

They leave Chicago November 13th, playing the first game in Denver.

From Denver the party will visit Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Las Vegas, N. M., Albuquerque, N. M., Los Angeles, Cal., and San Francisco, where they open on Thanksgiving Day, and remain till January 10th, playing about three games each week.

Mr. Hart feels certain that the trip will be a financial success and thinks the men will

JOTTINGS.

S. T. Burch is selling "Our Taste" hams and bacon at 19 and 20 cents per pound.

If you are looking for family groceries fresh from the wholesalers, patronize W. T. Craig, opposite the Gazette office.

Mrs. Emma Gibbs' sales of those stylish Fall and Winter hats and bonnets show that people have learned where to go for the best.

J. J. Becker's Chicago Saloon is the place to go for a glass of either Sacramento or Boca beer, and the best hot lunch to be found in town.

Leave your orders at S. L. Cohoon's for a few cases of John W. Leland's bottled beer, the finest you ever imbibed. A nice lunch set out every day.

E. C. Sessions is selling kitchen, dining-room, parlor and bedroom furniture either by the piece or in full sets. Give him a call and you will be sure to buy.

C. A. Thurston carries a full line of Lillard's tobacco, the best cigars, both foreign and domestic; also merchandise pipes and cigar and cigarette holders.

E. C. Leadbetter is not so busy but that he can find time to wait on you, sweet cider in abundance and the freshest of fruits and vegetables; also candies and nuts.

People attending the State Fair are informed that George Becker's Granite Saloon is the place to go for a nice hot soup lunch and a glass of Pacific or Fredericksburg beer.

C. J. Brooks continues to keep up his stock of home-manufactured French-mixed candies which are conceded to be as fine as ever offered in this or any other market.

The Riverside Hotel meets all passenger trains with its commodious and easy-riding carriages. No one is ever known to leave this popular resort, expecting to find a better one.

Gratifying to All

The high position attained and the universal acceptance and approval of the pleasant liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, as the most excellent laxative remedy known, illustrate the value of the qualities on which its success is based and are abundantly gratifying to the Cal. Fig Syrup Company.

Eucalypti.

This is what you ought to have, in fact, you must have it, to fully enjoy life. Thousands are searching for it daily and mourning because they find it not. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are spent annually by our people in the hope that they may attain this boon. And yet it may be had by all. We guarantee the Electric Bitters, if used according to directions and the use persisted in, will bring you good digestion, and cure Dyspepsia, and install instead Eucalypti. We recommend Electric Bitters for Dyspepsia and all diseases of Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Sold at 50c. and \$1 per bottle by S. J. Hodgkinson, druggist.

A Scrap of Paper Mayes Her Life

It was just an ordinary scrap of wrapping paper, but it saved her life. She was in the last stages of consumption, told by physicians that she was incurable and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped her, she bought a large bottle, it helped her more, bought another and grew better fast, continued its use and is now strong, healthy, rosy, plump, weighing 150 pounds. For further particulars send stamp to W. H. Cole, druggist, 10 Smith. Trial bottles of this wonderful discovery free at S. J. Hodgkinson's.

Parents should be careful that their children do not contract colds during the fall and early winter months. Such colds weaken the lungs and air passages, making the child much more likely to contract other colds during the winter. It is this succession of colds that causes catarrh, bronchitis or paves the way for consumption. Should a cold be contracted less than a week but cure it as quickly as possible. A fifty cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure any cold in a few days and leave the respiratory organs strong and healthy. For sale by Osburn & Shoemaker.

A Rare Opportunity.

Martin & Drake, the leading importers in the West of pure blood livestock, will have on the Fair grounds a carload of imported stallions, which they intend to enter to compete for prizes, and which will also be offered for sale, to be delivered to purchasers at the close of the Fair. Terms of sale: One year to eighteen months' time on good bankable paper at 8 per cent. interest per annum. This is a grand lot of stallions and those desiring a No. 1 horse should avail themselves of this opportunity.

MARTIN & DRAKE,
Provo City, Utah.

Buckley's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, corns, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Houghington & Co., druggists.

A Civil Campaign.

The political campaign in Washington is progressing quietly and very fairly. The counties east of the Cascade range will undoubtedly vote against the adoption of the Constitution on the ground that there are too many judges and legislative officers, and that the school and tide land questions should be settled by the Legislature. The woman suffragists are openly and determinedly working against the adoption of the Constitution.

Oregon is one of the most productive States in the Union. Its vast mineral resources contain gold, silver, copper, iron and coal. In immense tracts of grazing land support thousands of cattle and sheep and its fertile agricultural regions produce all the cereals in abundance, the yield per acre being in some instances the largest in the world. Among the useful and valuable products of the Willamette State may be mentioned Oregon Kidney Tea, which has proved a boon to thousands afflicted with pain in the back and kidney difficulties. Its purely vegetable composition and never fails. Sold by William Fininger.

The immediate symptoms of Dyspepsia, or Indigestion, are a distressing sense of weight, oppression and fullness in the stomach, heartburn, loss of appetite, foul breath, belching, flatulency, nausea, pains in the shoulders and breast. Dr. Hensley's Dandelion Tonic promotes healthy digestion and removes all unhealthy symptoms. Sold by William Fininger.

CARSON RIVER.

The Ranchers and Millmen Have a Compromise Talk.

Remarks by Messrs. Yerington, Newlands and Others Interested in Irrigation.

A meeting of ranchers on the Carson river was held at Genoa last Monday to take measures in regard to the suit of the Union Mill and Mining Company to enjoin them from taking out water to the injury of the quartz mills on the river.

A committee of five, consisting of Fred Dangleberg, M. Cohn, A. R. Lockley, Charles Henningson and Chris. Rabe, was appointed to confer with the representatives of the mills and induce them if possible, to dismiss their suit. On Tuesday the committee met Francis G. Newlands, Evan Williams and H. M. Yerington, the representatives of the mills, in Carson, and a conference was held.

Mr. Yerington, on behalf of the committee, stated that at a meeting of the Carson Valley ranchers, Mr. Summerfield had appeared and stated that in a conversation with Mr. Newlands he had suggested a compromise of the litigation, and that the parties unite with the State in the storage of water, and that the committee had been appointed to confer with the mill representatives as to a compromise, and if that was impossible, to take measures as to the employment of counsel and report to an adjourned meeting of the ranchers, and they would like to hear from the gentlemen present connected with the mills as to the proposed compromise.

Mr. Newlands said that the meeting had probably misapprehended Mr. Summerfield's remarks. "No proposition of a compromise of the rights of the mills was made or suggested by me. My conversation with Mr. Summerfield arose in this way: I saw an article in the Enterprise containing a quotation from a Genoa paper that a meeting of the ranchers would be held the following Monday to discuss the water suit, and that the general disposition was to endeavor to get the mill company to dismiss its suit, and that all the parties, ranchers as well as millmen, would unite to secure the storage of water so that there would be sufficient for both, and that thus the money which would otherwise be expended in litigation would be expended to some good purpose. I thought that this was a sensible view of the subject to take. So I said to Mr. Summerfield, who represented some of the ranchers, and requested him to state to the meeting that whilst the mill company insisted on its rights, yet if the ranchers would devise some system of storage which could be completed for a reasonable sum, and which would pay an interest on the investment by notes, to be collected from the ranchers according to their acreage, that I had no doubt that the men interested in the mills would unite with the ranchers in the enterprise; that it would be the height of folly for the parties to this litigation to expend a large sum in feeling lawyers in the expense of a trial, when it would go a great way toward accomplishing what all wanted—an increase of the water supply. I further said that the suit was not instituted in any spirit of hostility to the ranchers, but simply to protect and preserve valuable mining rights long antedating any other right on the river, and upon which the mining industry and the perpetuity of Virginia City depended."

Mr. Newlands further said: "You must dismiss from your minds any idea that a compromise of this suit can be effected. The mills will insist that judgment shall be rendered as prayed for. It is their right and they stand upon their rights. Whilst the Union Mill and Mining Company is the nominal plaintiff, Mr. Mackay, Senator Jones and W. S. Hobart, who all have milling interests on the Carson, are interested in and are supporting this suit, as the rights of their mills can be protected in this suit without bringing others, and a multiplicity of suits is avoided."

"The suggestion has been made," said Mr. Newlands, "that the mills should use steam and let the ranchers above take the water. The answer to this is, first, that the mills have a property right to the water, which furnishes power with comparatively little expense, and there is no reason why they should waive it. But in addition to this, the price of milling will not warrant any more expensive power. When the ore on the Comstock was of high grade, a remunerative price was paid for milling, which warranted the use of steam, but reduction after reduction has been made in the price of milling. Recently it has been reduced to \$5 per ton, and with steam power there would be no profit. The price of milling has been reduced to the lowest notch. Considerable quantities of low grade ore exist, which barely pay the cost of mining and milling, not the cost of prospecting, which is still being pushed in the hope of developing valuable ore bodies. Virginia City and Gold Hill, with a population of 15,000 people, depend on these mills. If they shut down no ore will be taken out. The miners will be idle and general distress will ensue. The very existence of Virginia City and Gold Hill depends on the working of these mills, and they depend on the water; yet ranchers on the upper Carson are taking the whole of the water during the months from July to January, and thus force the mills to shut down. If Virginia City is destroyed—it is sinks to the level of the Aurora or Eureka districts—the entire market of the Carson ranchers will be gone; their products will find no purchasers, and their farms will be valueless. Strike Virginia City from the map and where will Carson be, and how much will Reno be injured, and what market will you find in California? This is not a mere contest between a lot of rich mill-owners on the one side and a lot of struggling ranchers on the other. It is a contest for existence on the part of a city of 15,000 people on the one side, and a farming community of less than 1,000 people on the other. The mining community does not deny to the farmers the use of water when it is abundant—sufficient always to secure a first crop, and often a second crop. It only denies the farmers' right to take the water during the time of scarcity, when it is not needed, except for a third or, possibly, a second crop, and when it is absolutely necessary to the continued working of the mines. The pay-roll of the mines for two out of the six months of stoppage of the mills is double the value of all the products of the ranches. Now, these rights of the mills have been adjudicated in their favor in eleven different suits. As a matter of law, they are right in their position, and indulged by all the considerations of human necessity and humanity, they are right. It would be a grievous wrong to a great mining community to abandon their rights or to compromise them. But the men who are interested in these mills say to you: 'We don't want to injure your farms—we would rather help you in a business-like way. Form an association for the increase of your water supply instead of conducting a fruitless litigation, which will waste your time and money. We understand from the Government Engineers that your system of distributing water is wasteful in the extreme. Raise a small fund, to which we will contribute; employ a competent irrigating engineer who is familiar with the irrigating systems of Kern or Fresno counties, in California, to survey your present dams and ditches, and to devise a more economical system of distributing and waste ditches; call on the Governor to appoint some fair man—commissioned under the Act of the last Legislature—to apportion the water so that all can enjoy it; employ a competent engineer to make an estimate for the construction of a reservoir on the upper waters of the Carson; if it can be done, say for \$250,000, as I am told it can, form a corporation to construct it with that amount of capital, ascertain by contracts with the farmers what they will bind themselves to pay per acre for the use of water during the time of scarcity; show what the operating expenses and what the profit would be, and what rate of interest will be paid on the stock of the corporation; get the Commissioners to invest the \$100,000 appropriated by the State upon a guarantee of a fair rate of interest to the school fund. Raise \$75,000 amongst yourselves, taking stock, therefore, which will be sure to pay a good rate of interest, and then having demonstrated your purpose and ability to help yourselves, I am sure that the men interested in the mills will invest liberally in the stock also. But it must be put into a business-like shape. Capitalists who have large interests absorbing their minds are unwilling to go into new enterprises in which they must themselves work out the data upon which judgment is to be formed."

Mr. Williams said that after the mills were closed down this year because there was no water in the Carson, he had visited the upper Carson and had found a large stream of water flowing. There was every evidence even in that time of scarcity of wasteful use. As to the appropriation for storage made by the Legislature, he said the Commissioners were anxious that if possible the appropriation should be expended on the Carson, as there it would serve, as it would in no other place to a great degree, to the advancement and benefit of both the agricultural and mining interests. But we have found that no practical scheme could be suggested costing less than \$250,000. We were unwilling to enter upon an enterprise which we could not fully complete, and so we have done nothing. Meanwhile great pressure has been brought to bear upon us to construct a reservoir in some other locality, and in some places it seems quite practicable to complete a reservoir within the sum appropriated.

As to Mr. Newlands' suggestion that the Commission should join in with ranchers of the Carson river and the millmen to construct a reservoir, we would have to consider, in addition to the practicability of the scheme, the question as to whether we could legally do it. A desultory discussion then ensued, in which the fact was developed that the mill owners, being reluctant to sue the ranchers, had prepared exhaustive surveys of a reservoir in the Carson immediately above the Mexican mill dam, and about five miles from Carson. It was found that the reservoir would cover about three square miles of land belonging to Kirman & Shultz, but the project was abandoned because the reservoir would be too shallow and the evaporation would be immense. One of the ranchers' committee objected that any way this reservoir would not be of benefit to the ranchers as it would be below them, but the answer was made that if it were possible to store enough to supply the mills with power, then the ranchers could use all the water in the river above in time of scarcity without being compelled to let it down to the mills. It was agreed by all, however, that the best place for all purposes for the location of the reservoir was above the ranches, and that Long Valley was the best place for it.

In closing the discussion the representatives of the mills assured the ranchers that their time to answer in the suit would be extended to the first rule day in November; but they added that this was simply to give the ranchers a chance to confer amongst themselves that no compromise of the rights of the mills would be made, and that judgment in their favor would be insisted on.

The committee concluded to call a meeting of the ranchers at Genoa on Sunday, the 13th day of October, and invited the mill representatives to be present and to present their views.

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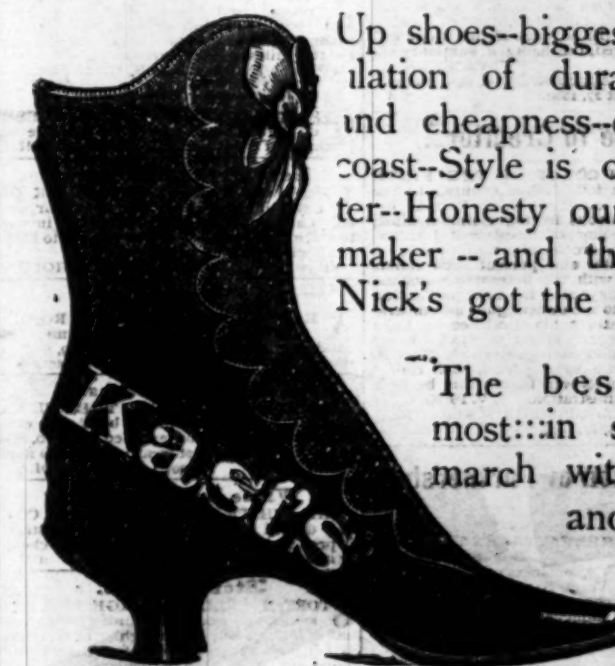
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